



Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
U.S. Application No. 10/657,185

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended) A magnetic tape cartridge comprising:

- a single reel with a magnetic tape wound thereon;
- a cartridge case rotatably storing the single reel therein;
- a tape pull-out leader pin fixed to the leading end portion of the magnetic tape and releasably held within the cartridge case; and
- a tension absorbing unit, for absorbing the tension of the magnetic tape, while winding or pulling out the magnetic tape, disposed inside a holding portion for holding the leader pin,
 - wherein the tension absorbing unit includes:
 - a U-shaped lever;
 - a coil spring wound around one arm portion of the U-shaped lever, one end of the coil spring fixed to the cartridge case, the other end of the coil spring fixed to the U-shaped lever; and
 - a roller mounted on a second arm portion of the U-shaped lever; and
 - wherein the U-shaped lever rotates around the one arm portion with the coil spring and the roller contacts and energizes the magnetic tape.

2. (original) A magnetic tape cartridge as set forth in Claim 1, wherein the tension absorbing unit includes an arm energized by a spring in a direction to absorb the tension of the magnetic tape.

3. (canceled)

4. (withdrawn) A magnetic tape cartridge as set forth in Claim 2, wherein the tension absorbing unit includes:

two upper and lower parallel plates;

two rollers mounted between the two upper and lower parallel plates, the two rollers extended in parallel to each other so as to be rotated;

a center shaft penetrating through the two parallel plates and fixed to the cartridge case;
and

a coil spring wound around the center shaft in such a manner that the center shaft, one end of the coil spring fixed to the center shaft, the other end of the coil spring fixed to the parallel plate, the coil spring always energizes the roller in a given direction with the rotary shaft as a center thereof.

5. (previously presented): The magnetic tape cartridge according to claim 1, wherein said tension absorbing unit is fixed in an empty space in a vicinity of an inside portion of the leader pin holding portion.